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## A FORMER RESIDENT

Visited Middletown After Being Absent For 35 Years

### THINGS LOOKED DIFFERENT

The writer of the Star article, which we publish below, tried hard to shield his identity but Ned Jones and the writer picked him at once. We used to go to St. Joseph's Church when it was built and we recognized the "Altar Boy" of that time as the person who visited Middletown. One Sunday evening when Father Archambault was here Bishop Alfred A. Curtis, of saintly memory came to pay his first official visit and administer Confirmation. Well sir, the good old father to his altar boy into a surprise and amazement. He was then about 25, had a neat mustache and wore his hair parted in the middle. The way two young women friends jollied our young "curate" after the services was genuinely interesting. The same fellow is now a county official in Wilmington, it is understood. Does he remember it?

The other day in Middletown the regulars who were on the platform were surprised to see a former resident of old St. Georges Hundred in their midst once more. To the arrival things looked somewhat familiar except that Charlie Johnson was not there to take the passengers to Odessa in his hack drawn by a splendid span of horses, on the hames of whose harness were those little jingle bells. Do you remember those bells, how they would ring as he left the postoffice with the mail for the Russian named town—Odessa?

Many years ago Odessa was a mighty busy little town. Farmers for many miles around used to haul their wheat and corn there and load it on vessels before the Delaware railroad came by Middletown and took the trade.

Then again about thirty-five years ago Victor Lord conceived an idea of manufacturing phosphate there and the first year he made thirty tons. Men mined the South Carolina rock and sulphuric acid with hoses just as a bed of mortar is mixed. George W. Polk joined in the enterprise and the business grew and grew until the Lord and Polk Chemical Co. made 30,000 tons of fertilizer a year. All the best and high standard grades were made. "Jimmy" used to be here and twenty or thirty teams hauled the bagged material to the cars here while George Janvier and Frank Tucher looked after the shipping by barges and schooners at Odessa. But Lord and Polk are dead, the factory is a thing of the past and even the big acid chamber with 105 tons of lead is seen no more.

As I stood on the Middletown platform I was reminded of "Jim" Shannon, W. Black and Garrett. Jim and I for many years were employed in the station. As the street was crossed a change was noticed at once for Julian Ford, who was not born when I knew Middletown years ago, has the office of John W. Jolls. In that office I had the pleasure many a time of talking over the first telephone line in Delaware. As I went towards main street I noticed the familiar store of Ford and Comerys. I thought of boyhood days and wondered if Mr. Ford remembered the day he rode his pony up the steps of the National Hotel, and right up to the bar where he got a drink. The drink affected the pony more than it did Mr. Ford because the pony could not consider the trouble before it was induced to go down the steps.

As I look-d to the west there was such a difference. In my day as far as you could see or feel the perfume of the road was the land of the late Governor John P. Cochran. Every foot of land was a peach orchard and what a picture it was to see the Governor's accomplished and winsome daughters ride their horses along the road while the perfume of peach blossoms scented the fair cheeks of Delaware Peaches.

Along Main street I was reminded of Thomas Massey, the jeweler, Daniel L. Dunning, a corner postmaster, and Robert A. Cochran, grandfather of Judge E. R. Cochran, Jr., of Wilmington. The butcher shop of George Echenhofer is a thing of the past. The famed Hip House is the pretty home of the Metten family, one of whom, William F. Metten, is a successful Wilmington business man, being business manager of the Every Evening.

The Town Hall and Opera House where so many delightful entertainments were held, where the Masons held their meetings, the Catholics attended mass and business men made big money. But the hall, dedicated on July 7, 1868, was destroyed by fire some months ago. A few days ago the corner stone was unearthed and in the box was found silver, gold and copper coins of the year of the building of the hall; copies of The Middletown Transcript, the Delaware Weekly Republican, the Washington Intelligencer, a list of the stockholders of the Town Hall Company, a history of the building, and several presents given by other Masonic lodges, members of which were present at the ceremonies. There goes W. B. Biggs, when I see him I always think how funny it came about that "Bill" was appointed tax collector. The late Serick F. Shalcross, Levy Court Commissioner, got on the train one morning for Wilmington and who dropped into the seat next him, but the late Governor Benjamin Biggs. "Good morning, 'Benni,'" said Mr. Shalcross. "How are you?"

"Good morning, Serick, I am feeling fine," returned the Governor. They chatted about several things and finally Mr. Shalcross said he was worried. That was the day the Levy Court would elect the tax collectors. Al Stevens and John G. Armstrong close friends, were the applicants. It puzzled Mr. Shalcross how to decide between them.

The Governor with those ever-to-be remembered locks, falling on his shoulders said, "Serick, stop that worrying. That is easily settled. One good turn deserves another. I named you James as Recorder of Peeds, and you can return the compliment and name my boy 'Will' tax collector."

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## ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

### EPISCOPAL

Sunday, March 16th, 1919. 3d Sunday in Lent.  
Services: 10:30, Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon.  
11:45, Sunday School session.  
7:30, Evening prayer and sermon, by the Rt. Rev. F. J. Kinsman, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

Meetings: The Parish Guild will meet at the Rectory on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Class for Confirmation instruction, on Wednesday afternoons at the Rectory, at four o'clock.

The Church is open every day for meditation and prayer. Take time to cultivate the Spiritual Life.

Who am I? I am seen in church at nearly every service. I stare the minister in the face and laugh at his doctrines. I dishearten him and cause him mental anguish and worry. Because of me, sermons lose their grip and effectiveness. Whole families formerly were comforted within my bosom, but have now forsaken me. If they would, Christians could drive me out. They criticize the minister when they should criticize me. Who am I? I am the enemy within the gates. I am the devil's chief assistant. I AM THE EMPTY PEW.—E. Paul Johnson.

In attending public worship we should always lay the emphasis upon the help which our presence is sure to give to others rather than upon any good we may get out of it ourselves. This is the social aspect of Church-going, and this is the very spirit of Christianity.

LENT is a Blessing. But blessings come rarely to those who seek them.

LENT is an invitation to give you an insight into the secret of nobler living. Accept it. Make no vain excuses.

Don't forget that the Bishop of the Diocese is to visit St. Anne's Parish on Sunday evening, and we want everyone to attend the service, and extend a hearty invitation to all our friends to be present.

LENT is a familiar word, a much abused word, often a lightly or jestingly spoken word. Yet it means a Season of real power to every earnest, honest man, woman or child USING it. Its lessons are lessons of devotion. Its truths are truths of manhood. Its plea is for reality triumphing over the shames of life. LENT is an Opportunity. Grasp it. Once neglected it never returns.

On Tuesday, March 25th, of this week the Church commemorates the declaration made by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, that she should become the mother of Christ; and also remember the incarnation of our Saviour, who being the Eternal Son of the Father, was at this time made flesh. Let us pray, as the Collector for the day directs, that having known the incarnation of our Lord by the message of an angel, we may by faith in His cross and passion share in the glory of His resurrection.

### FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 23, 1919, will be The New Era Victory Fund Day. Every member of the church and congregation will please make an especial effort to be present at the morning service, and a Congregational meeting will be held immediately after the morning service to adopt measures giving efficiency to this great campaign.

The Presbyterian Church has decided that to meet the special and increasing demands upon her in the various lines of her benevolent and congregational activities, the sum of \$38,004.39.50 will be required for the Benevolent Budget, \$13,014.39.50, and for individual churches and local work, \$25,000.00.00. The pledges will be paid during the year—April 1, 1919 to March 31, 1920. At two o'clock on next Sunday every communicant is called on to pay for the success of this movement, and the canvassers will see every member of the church between two and five o'clock, P. M.

Every communicant is requested to conscientiously decide upon the amount to be pledged for the local and benevolent work of the church during the coming year.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting, as usual.

### Bethesda Church Notes

Sunday, March 23d, 1919.  
9:30 A. M. The Brotherhood Meeting will be in charge of Brother William T. Pearce, Sr.

10:30 A. M. Morning Worship with sermon by Rev. W. A. Wise, D. D., District Superintendent of Eastern District. Opportunity will be given, for joining the church on probation and by church letter, both morning and evening.

2:00 P. M. Sunday School.  
7:30 P. M. Evening worship with song service and sermon by the Pastor. Good singing. All are cordially welcome. Let us make the last Sunday of the conference year a great day.

### In New Quarters

Redgrave Bros., whose hardware store was destroyed in the Opera House fire on December 30th, have rented of John Heldmyer the store room on the northwest corner of Main and Broad streets where they will resume business as soon as their stock arrives.

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

### IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

Lent.

March winds.

Plant a garden.

The 1919 session of the Delaware Legislature will close March 26th.

THE best system to adopt in business is cash. It saves a lot of trouble.

By vote of 112 to 11, Laurel voted to issue bonds for street improvements.

Rev. Dr. Louis E. Barrett, former pastor of Townsend Methodist Church, has improved in health to such an extent that he has asked Conference for an appointment.

Continue the good and necessary work of buying War Saving and Thrift Stamps. No better investment for old and young. Let the motto be—Buy, buy and continue to buy.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a Bake in the room recently vacated by John Heldmyer, Jr., North Broad street, on Saturday, Mar. 29th. Pies, cakes and bi-cuits will be for sale.

The Middletown Parent Teacher Association will hold its next meeting on Friday, March 28th at three o'clock. A large attendance is desired as a matter of importance will come before the meeting.

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Middletown, Delaware, for week ending March 13, 1919: George W. Hearn, Joseph Hobbs, Lewis McDaniel, Embra Marble, Chas. R. Nadon and Burton Union.

A ring containing five keys one a large brass key and the other four small keys was left at The Transcript office on Thursday by a gentleman who found them on the street. The owner can have same by calling at this office.

The Postoffice Department has advised postmasters that a recent act of Congress permits discharged soldiers to retain clothing and equipment which they take with them, and that, therefore, postmasters should not accept parcels, containing these articles for return to the War Department.

Shad fishermen in discussing the purchase and deepening of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal are of the opinion that large numbers of the Chesapeake Bay shad will take the short cut and instead of coming outside they will reach Delaware City on the "short swim" and days ahead of the outside trip.

### Dress-Up Week

Complete plans were finally settled to make the week of April 5th to 13th, Wilmington's Dress Up Week. This will conform with the plans of the larger cities throughout the country making that the National Dress Up Week.

All merchants of Wilmington are making plans to put their stores and merchandise on display in very attractive style. Special window prizes are being offered for the Best Displays and it is needless to add this in itself will prove a good drawing card. But they do not intend to stop there. All stores will be dressed their prettiest. Living models will display the latest fashions. Furniture Stores, Hardware, Groceries, in fact all lines of merchandise will have special attractions. Arrangements are being made to handle the biggest crowds in the history of Wilmington.

### Services at Glasgow

Evangelistic Services will be held in the Fencider Presbyterian Church at Glasgow during the week beginning March 23d. Services on Sunday will be at 2:30 P. M. and at 7:30 P. M. through the week.

Miss Newman, from New York, who is doing some visiting through the community in the interest of the services, will speak Monday evening. Miss Newman has been trained for Missionary Work and expects soon to go to Central America as a missionary.

On other evenings Dr. W. J. Rowan, Dr. Reed and Dr. Joel R. Gilliland will speak as well as the pastor Rev. Walter R. Clyde.

### Call to Knitters

Another call to the Knitters of Middletown. Wilmington has made an urgent appeal for our knitters to renew their efforts for refugees in war stricken Europe. Call at Miss Rothwell's for wool and directions and use your spare moments for shivering humanity. Remember they are not in need through any fault of their own. Come help the Delaware Chapter to go "over the top" once again.  
MARY HUTCHIN  
Chairman of Knitting.

## OBITUARY

### DAVID F. LYMAN

At the age of 87 years, David S. Lyman died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clara Rhodes, near Cecilton, Md., on Monday night, from a complication of diseases. He is survived by eleven children, his wife having died years since. Funeral services were held Friday at 1 o'clock, services at the house; interment at Old Union Cemetery, near Townsend.

### WILLIAM L. PURNER, SR.

William L. Purner, Sr. passed away at his home at Port Hermon, Md., last Sunday morning, after an illness of six months from brights disease. Deceased was aged 74 years.

Mr. Purner was a patient sufferer, a devoted husband, and a loving father and was respected by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his death.

The funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in Bethel cemetery.

## LETTER TO HOME FOLKS

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls from their son Ephraim P. Jolls, who is in service in France.

FRANCE,  
Sunday, Feb. 23d, 1919.

Dear Folks:  
Received your very, very welcome letters today and they put lots of pep in me just when it was most needed. You know that a person's mental condition has everything in the world to do with his physical condition, and when he receives the nice kind of mail that I did today, it just boosts his constitutional battling average to 1000. I had six letters today, from home, from my wife, from Art Smith, Mr. Muench, Peck Cochran and some people I know only as friends. But everyone of them has been read a half dozen times, each time trying to find something I may have overlooked before.

I sat at the bedside of a very, very dear friend of mine who was very sick; in fact he did not know how sick he was but, nevertheless, he had the feeling



that he would not last long. I knew he was dying. He wanted badly to get word home to his folks that he was not afraid to go, and wanted them to be happy. As I sat there, mail came in for him. His eyes brightened, a little color crept up into his cheeks. He read one of the letters and said "Oh Boy! this is worth having. I just must get back." It almost got my goat. It is not so bad after one has gone, but I am very sorry about John Hofferker and I am going to write Mrs. Hofferker and tell her that I shall find out where his grave is then if I can possibly get there. I am going to put a nice wreath of artificial flowers on that grave. I will wait until after I have been there before I write, but if Father should see her, Mrs. Hofferker, he might ask her if there is anything at all that I can do over here. The same for Rupert Burdett and anything I can do all sitting either of both of them, I shall be glad to do. You will remember that I met a Marine Officer who came over with Rupert and he said that he believed he was buried at Brest. I shall find out before I return. I am more than glad to do this for this reason. I know that the boys themselves would like to know that some of their friends had visited their resting place and tell their loved ones about it. I know this because just two days ago one of my boys died, and he asked me to please write his mother and tell her where he was buried and all about it.

My hopes of getting home soon are not very good, but so long as I know you are all well and happy, I am very well contented.

Tell Alice I surely enjoyed her letter, bless her heart. She should have been here today. It was raining as usual, and after inspection, we were all sitting around the stove going back over our childhood days. How we used to think it had luck to break a looking glass or kill a cat. How we used to make a grasshopper "spit tobacco juice." How we used to lose something and then spit in our hand and smack it with the other, the way it would fly would indicate the direction of the lost article. How, if we went out one door and in another, or raised an umbrella in the house, bad luck was sure to follow. We had officers from every part of the U. S. and all used to do the same thing. Alice sure would have enjoyed it for we were all kids for a long time.

I had better stop and go to bed for my beauty sleep. Will write again in a day or two.

Lovingly, your son,  
Eph.

## FRIENDS & VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

### THOSE THAT COME AND GO

Miss Ruby Whitlock spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick are sojourning at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walls were Philadelphia visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. C. E. Cullen is visiting relatives in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Miss Bertha Jones, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Esther Whitlock is spending sometime with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. Ringgold Richards, of near Claymont, visited his parents over the week-end.

Miss Blanche Beck, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with the Misses Gallagher.

Mrs. V. P. Northrup entertained Mrs. Shallenberger, of Wilmington, on Wednesday.

Mrs. N. P. Crouch, of Wilmington, visited her sister, Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls, on Monday.

Mr. Irving Roberts, of New York City, spent the week-end with his mother here.

Mr. William C. Gallagher, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents over Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Comegys and Miss Alberta Cochran are spending sometime at Atlantic City.

Mrs. J. H. Emerson had her niece, Mrs. W. P. Horsey, of Crisfield, Md., for a guest over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Voshell and daughter, of Hartford, Conn., are visiting relatives near town.

Mrs. George W. Lockwood entertained her sister, Mrs. E. L. Niffin, of Ridley Park, part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd and daughter, Miss Jessie, have returned from a delightful stay at Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Dugan and little daughter, of near Wilmington, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dugan, Sunday.

Mr. Carlton D. Pepper spent the week-end with his wife at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell, near town.

Mr. Arthur Boyle who recently returned from "overseas" has received his honorable discharge and has returned to his home here.

Mr. Carl M. Jones has received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy and is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones.

The Transcript received on Thursday a post card from Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis who with his wife and mother-in-law Mrs. Nathaniel J. Williams are spending six weeks in St. Petersburg and other points in Florida. The doctor speaks of the pleasant winter weather there and also of an enjoyable visit to Havana, Cuba. They will return to Middletown on Wednesday, March 26th.

### ODESSA

Mrs. Bracket, of Wayne, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Georgia Coggage.

Mrs. Wright, of Ford's Store, Md., is the guest of Mrs. Norman Wright.

Miss Ella Gray, of Middletown, is visiting her sister Mrs. A. H. Donovan.

Miss Grace McLaurey, of near Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents.

Little Josephine Mathes, of Langhorne, Pa., is visiting her aunt Mrs. W. V. Woods.

Mrs. R. Whitlock, of Greenville, Del., is visiting Mrs. A. S. Whitlock, near town.

Miss Myrtle Bennett, of Port Penn, has been the guest of her cousin Miss Evelyn Crouch.

Mrs. G. F. Mathes, of Langhorne, Pa., visited her aunt Mrs. W. V. Woods on Sunday last.

Miss Mildred Phillips, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips.

Miss Hilda Austin, of Mt. Pleasant, spent several days of this week with her sister Mrs. Joseph Heller.

Mr. Kenneth Rhodes and friend, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes.

Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6:45. Topic "The Epworth League on a War Footnote." Leader, Mr. William Bogenschütz. All are welcome.

The Annual Missionary of the Sunday School Anniversary was held in St. Paul's M. E. Church last Sunday evening.

Dr. William Bohn, of the Chautauqua Association, delivered the address which was greatly enjoyed by all. The total amount of the collection of the classes in the Sunday School was \$136.40.

### Notice

Several of the members of the committee, having charge of the soliciting for the fund for the purchase of the Motor Driven Fire Apparatus, have not been able to see some of the subscribers. All persons who have subscribed, and have not paid their subscriptions, will please mail their checks to me at once, as the machine is now under construction, and a substantial payment must be made on the same at once.

F. S. JONES,  
Chairman.

## CLUB HOUSE CLOSED

The handsome new home of the New Century Club, built less than two years ago at a cost of more than \$8,000, has been declared unsafe for public gatherings, and will be closed until alterations, which will begin immediately, are completed.

For some time past the plaster on the walls has been cracking, and the roof of the building has been settling until it seemed dangerous. An inspection of the building was made last week by a Wilmington building inspector, and the building was ordered closed.

The building was erected after a struggle of several years upon a lot donated by Mrs. G. F. Brady.

The plans provided for the carrying of a brick wall on a wooden girder, which was considered by the contractor as impracticable, but he was instructed by the architect to carry out the original specifications, and the wooden girder was placed in position under protest. The building has begun to settle in the weak spot.

The alterations to the building will cost approximately \$1,500, and will necessitate the placing of iron girders in the rear and the construction of a truss for the roof.

The unfortunate circumstance of the building being declared unsafe is a matter of deep regret to the people of the community, as every one here appreciates the struggle which the women of the club encountered to have their home built. More than \$5,000 has been paid, and the money was raised by fairs, entertainments, etc.

Middletown now is a closed town for entertainments, and will be for some time. The fire of December 31 destroyed the Opera House and the New Century Club building was the only place left for entertainments.

Two moving picture theatres are now under construction here, one by James E. Lewis, who recently purchased the site of the burned Opera House, and one by B. G. Smith, who recently purchased the Viddletown Hotel.

## RED CROSS NOTES

The great drive of the American Red Cross for the collection of used clothing for the joint benefit of all the European countries except the Central powers, will be held in the week of March 24th to March 31st. Delaware's part is ten tons. Every kind of garment, for all ages and both sexes, is urgently needed. Piece goods, light weight cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth from which to make garments for new born babes, ticking, sheeting and blankets, woolen goods of every kind, shoes of every size and scrap leather for repairing foot wear. Do NOT send ball or flimsy dresses, high, straw or derby hats, feathers, umbrellas, mattresses, clocks, glassware, carpets, toys, collars, neckties, shoe trees, crutches, canes, parasols, pillows, crockery, rugs, or food stuffs of any description. This work is most important. Therefore it behooves every member to begin work at once, in order that our chapter may not be found wanting.

So many have said, they have nothing but old clothes but haven't had time to buy new ones. This is your opportunity. Give to the suffering people and array yourself in new apparel. Automobiles will call at your door on Wednesday, March 26th, except in the country, and we urge them to bring their bundles to the Century Club on Tuesday, March 25th, or before.

ELIZABETH C. SHEPHERD,  
Chairman.

## WARWICK

Rev. J. N. Link was a caller in town Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Wilson Merritt spent one day in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson spent Tuesday with relatives.

Mrs. J. R. H. Price spent Monday at the home of R. B. Merritt.

Preaching Sunday evening at the usual hour. Everybody welcome.

The town folks are glad to see Mr. William Pierce home from France.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Merritt and daughters spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eaton are spending the week with their daughter Mrs. Bayard Jordan.

Miss Eula Vinyard, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Verena Vinyard.

Mrs. Maud Davis, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her daughter at the home of Mrs. Mary Lofland.

## Memorial

JOHN W. GAREY, Jr.  
DIED MARCH 19th, 1918.

"No kisses press upon my cheek  
Those lips are sealed from me  
Dear Lord, how could we give him up  
To any one, but to thee."

Sadly missed by  
FATHER, MOTHER, SISTERS AND BROTHER.

You can get at Evans' Feed Store Christianity Chick feed, one of the best chick starters on the market. Also rolled oats, scratch feed, grit, ground oyster shell, charcoal, tobacco dust, Pratts and Champion poultry powder.

## THE H-F ASSOCIATION

Delegation of Farmers and Dairy-men Visited "Winterthur"

### CATTLE INDUSTRY GROWING

A large delegation of the farmers and dairymen visited Winterthur Farms on Thursday to attend the bi-monthly meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Breeders' Association of Delaware.

The pure bred cattle industry is becoming to be one of the greatest assets to the farmers of this section, and more interest is manifested at each succeeding meeting. On almost every farm here there are one or more pure bred Holsteins, while many of the farmers have their entire herds pure bred, having gradually weeded out the graded cattle, and installed pure bred cattle in their place. That the idea is a paying one is shown by the prices received for calves from pure bred cows.

On the last of the dairymen's tour of the county, when the farmers of Kent and Sussex counties, were the guests of the Middletown dairymen, and were taken on a tour of the county, visiting several of the farms where pure bred cattle are kept, Paul B. Messick had four bull calves in his barn, all of which were sired by his prize bull King Pontise Veeman Beets. The four calves have been sold at prices ranging from \$125 to \$175, according to the milk records of the mothers. Mr. Messick and James S. Moore, visited Michigan one year ago, and bought two carloads of pure bred cows and heifers and so far the venture has proved a paying one. All the cows have come into profit, and had fine calves.

Mr. Moore, who recently bought the old Thomas Murphy Farm, two miles west of Middletown, has erected a fine dairy barn, and a tile silo, and plans to double the size of his barn next year to accommodate a herd of cattle twice the size of his present herd. In the carload which he brought in from Michigan is a heifer three years old, which recently gave 70 pounds of milk daily for seven days on an official test, after weaning her first calf.

Charles S. Meyers, a former Delaware College athlete, who left college after the death of his step father, J. P. Algire, to attend to the agricultural interests left by him, has recently sold to ex-Judge Daniel A. Hastings, the Appleton farm two miles east of this town and will in the future devote his entire energy to the dairy business. Mr. Meyers owns the Lockwood farm of 50 acres adjoining this town on the Odessa road. He has built an up-to-date cow barn, and plans to keep a herd of twenty pure bred cattle. He has under construction, a tile silo, of a capacity of 100 tons.



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## W.B. WILSON SEES PROSPERITY ERA

Secretary of Labor Says There Will Be Long Period of Industrial Activity.

(No one is in better position than Secretary of Labor Wilson to speak of conditions affecting trade and industry in the United States. Here he tells concisely why the American people should feel gratified with things as they are now and with the outlook for the future. No better reason could be given for subscribing to the Victory Liberty Loan, because the money secured through this loan will be the big factor in placing this country on the after-war basis of prosperity which Secretary Wilson predicts.)

By WILLIAM B. WILSON, Secretary of Labor.

When the German military forces had broken through the western front, and there was nothing between them and Paris but thirty miles of space, it was the boys that we feared we could not mobilize, that we could not train, transport or equip, that stepped into the breach at Chateau Thierry, stemmed the tide of the German forces, turned them backward toward Berlin, restored the morale of the French and the English armies, and won the victory for our forces.

Surely if we can take a peace-time organization and transform it almost overnight into a great military machine, we can by the exercise of the same intelligence and the same energy take a military organization and transform it into a peace-time machine.

Before the Federal Reserve Act came no provision had been made for financing our foreign trade; we had not developed any large foreign trade in proportion to our domestic trade, and one of the reasons was that we had not found a method of providing the proper credits, except through the banking institutions of other countries. The Federal Reserve Act gave to our financial institutions, under certain restrictions, the opportunity of establishing branch banks in foreign countries, thereby laying the foundation for the extension of credits in the development of our foreign trade.

### Big Shipping Program.

The necessities of the war compelled us to engage in a tremendous shipbuilding program. We have a very large tonnage now afloat and more ships under construction for merchant purposes than any other country in the world.

We have, therefore, already provided the three great elements necessary for the development of a foreign trade, and when we get our domestic industries into proper operation, and our business men begin to look abroad for a market for the surplus products, they will find the means of vitalizing these agencies that are already in existence.

So that our problem resolves itself, for the time being, into one of demobilization, and the starting of our business on a post-war basis. It has been stated by statistical experts that even during our periods of industrial activity we had in the neighborhood of a million workers unemployed.

We estimate the total amount of unemployment at the present time is 700,000. That, in itself, based upon our experiences of the past, is not an alarming amount of unemployment. The cause for alarm, if any there be, is the fact that the number is continually increasing, because the men who are engaged in industry find themselves in an uncertain situation. There is a disposition to hold off on the part of the employers in the hope of prices coming down. There is a possibility of prices coming down without there being an effect upon the wage rates. The manufacturer realizes that if he undertakes to cut prices and his neighbor does likewise, there is a possibility of the whole structure tumbling and the prices going down below even a normal profit.

### Wages at Top Notch.

During the period of the war our workers received more in actual, in real wages than they had ever received at any previous time. The cost of living had gone up, but the hourly wage rate of the workers had gone up almost in the same ratio. There were some instances where the hourly wage rate had gone up in excess of the increased cost of living; there were other instances where it did not go up quite as far as the cost of living, but the average was very close to the increase in the cost of living.

However, the workers had steadier employment than they had been in the habit of receiving; they worked overtime with time and a half for the extra time they worked, and they worked Sundays, in many instances. So the aggregate they received was greater than they had ever had before. Many of them have some of that in reserve now that can be utilized and will be utilized, against any general attempt to reduce the wage rates; and because of the disposition on the part of labor,

because of the fact that any period of depression that may ensue must of necessity be a short period, and that the reaction into post-war activities, giving us a period of industrial prosperity, must come in a very brief period of time, it would be folly to engage in the conflict necessary

for the reduction in the wage rates when so little return is to be had for it. The wage workers and the farmers have reserves in hand that will be used in the maintenance of their families, and in addition to the equipment. That means that when we get into a real post-war period, in the aggregate a tremendous amount of additional purchase will be made.

We are short in our normal supply of labor somewhere between three million and five million workers; so if we could engage in our pre-war activities on a post-war basis immediately, there would be a shortage of the supply of labor.

It is not very generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the strikes that took place at Seattle, at Butte, at Paterson, at Lawrence, and at a number of other places recently were not industrial, economic disputes, in their origin, no matter how much economics may have been involved in the dispute. A deliberate attempt was made to create a social and political revolution that would establish the Soviet form of government in the United States and put into effect the economic theories of the Bolshevik of Russia. It failed because for two years the Department of Labor and other agencies of the government have been fighting that false philosophy, not by the utilization of force, but by appeal to the judgment, to the reason of our people.

### Interests Are Mutual.

Employers and employees have a mutual interest; not an identical interest, mark you, but a mutual interest in securing the largest amount of production from a given amount of labor, having due regard to the health, safety, opportunities for rest, recreation and development of the workers; for if there is nothing produced, there will be nothing to divide; if there is a large amount produced, there will be a large amount to divide; and the interests of the employer and the employee only diverge when it comes to a division of that which has been mutually produced; and if they are wise in their generation, when that divergence takes place they will sit down around the council table and endeavor to work out the problem on as nearly a just basis as the circumstances surrounding the industry will permit.

I do not believe that any country owes any man a living; but I do believe that every country owes every man an opportunity to earn a living. To place men at work on any job, where the results from it are not needed, is just so much waste of time and energy and man-power. But there is a tremendous amount of work, a tremendous amount of improvement that is needed; and so that the minds of our workers will not be fertile fields for the propagation of false philosophy it is our duty to see to it that these activities are now engaged in to the fullest extent.

We have visions of industrial activity in the near future. All of the wars that have been engaged in from the beginning of the development of the factory system until now have been followed by periods of industrial activity. Now, with the vast amount of destruction of life and of property that has taken place in this war, as I visualize the situation, once we get back into a regular post-war swing, there will be at least a decade of industrial activity, a period in which the false philosophies of Bolshevism will find no foothold, and where we can go on working out our social problems, our economic problems and our industrial problems after careful consideration of each of them, as they are presented, and thus move onward in an evolutionary way to that higher sphere that our country is destined to occupy.

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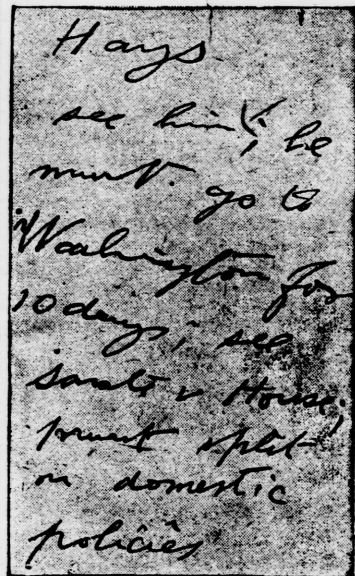
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## LAST THOUGHTS OF ROOSEVELT

Theodore Roosevelt's last thoughts were of the great domestic issues of his country, issues whose determination will decide the weal or woe of the next generation. He saw in a united Republican party, just given a vote of confidence and a commission to formulate and carry into action policies of reconstruction, the guarantee of the prompt recognition and successful handling of these domestic problems. Tangible evidence of this is a memorandum, the last pencilled thoughts of the late President. To Colonel George Harvey and the North American Review.



Facsimile of Last Memorandum of Colonel Roosevelt, Pencilled a Few Hours Before He Died.

view the country and the Republican party are indebted for the publication of this interesting document which carries a message from him "who, being dead, yet speaketh." In the leading article of the current number of the North American Review Colonel Harvey sets forth the vital import of this last pencilled notation of Mr. Roosevelt. He says:

"Mr. Roosevelt died the acknowledged leader of the great party into which he was born. His last written words, pencilled by his own hand a few hours before his death and addressed in the form of a memorandum for the brilliant young man for whose selection as Chairman of the National organization he was largely responsible, were these, as reproduced above in facsimile:

"Hays see him; he must go to Washington for 10 days; see Senate and House; prevent split on domestic policies."

"Here is evidenced as clearly as if the few words filled a volume Mr. Roosevelt's realization of both his responsibility and his obligation. The simple memorandum marked the inauguration of a definite party policy, to be carried through to a no less definite conclusion. It was more than a passing thought or a mere suggestion. It was a message, signifying the need of immediate and unrelenting vigilance in achieving complete unity of action in resolving domestic problems before attacking those of wider range soon to be thrust upon the country—a true soldier's call first to close the ranks.

"Nothing could be more characteristic or more clearly illustrative of the breadth of vision, the foresight, the directness in method and the painstaking attention of the man. Nothing, too, probably could have served his purpose better than that these words should have been his last. Difficult as it is to reconcile himself to the device of Divine Providence that the removal of that great patriot at this crucial moment was not untimely, we cannot but realize, as he would have been the first to acknowledge, that the last vestige of animosities which might have continued to impair his highest aspirations was buried with him, and thereby the perfect union which he so ardently desired against all things un-American was attained.

"Thus we find the Republican party resuming full legislative authority thoroughly united and invigorated by the peculiar confidence which so often carried it to victory in former years."

## ROOSEVELT'S DEPARTING WORDS TO HIS COUNTRYMEN

Col. Roosevelt died about 4 o'clock on the morning of January 6. The previous evening at a great patriotic rally in the New York Hippodrome a message was read from him, written especially for the occasion. In it was this striking sentence:

"We have room for but one flag, the American flag, and this excludes the red flag, which symbolizes all wars against liberty and civilization just as much as it excludes any foreign flag of a nation to which we are hostile, and we have room for but one soul loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people."

## GERMANY OWES SOME BILL

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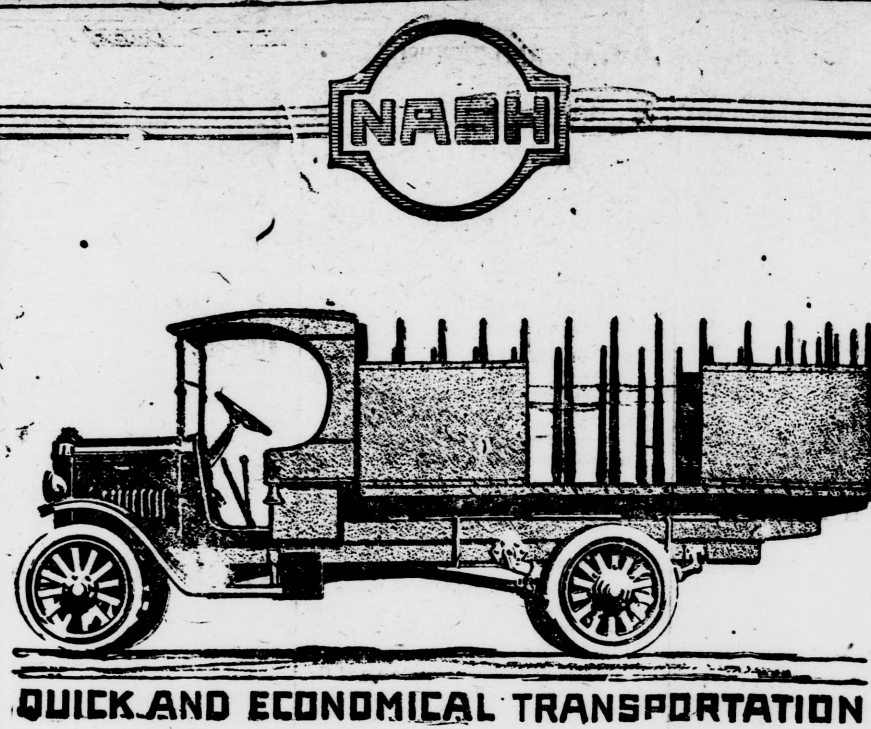
One hundred and twenty billions. That's the way the bill reads.

People who think victory comes high at six billions—the estimate of the Victory Liberty Loan—will do well to study the above bill. It is the just indemnity which the Peace Conference Committee on Reparations has decided Germany ought to pay.

And a large part of it is to be collected immediately. France alone insists upon an immediate payment of \$5,000,000,000 on account. The other nations which suffered from Germany's method of war making will also present eight drafts for collection. Payment of the total sum is to be made in 25 to 35 years.

Paying off this staggering debt is a job that makes the flotation of a six billion loan seem trifling. The German people will not have the opportunity to pay it through the easy means of popular loans. This is a method of financing war that is reserved for the victors.

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

—OF—

### APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1918 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

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Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

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JOSEPH C. HUTCHISON,

Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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### St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1918 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

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Mr. Shallcross named the young son of Governor Biggs as tax collector that day.

Middletown is still booming although it is "dry." The hotels are not on the map and unlike the days Alex Maxwell was in charge of the National no more are the colored men served at a window as they stood outside.

Gideon E. Haskill was one of the men one met in those long-ago days.

Everyone knew the late John W. Jolls. He was in his delight when he was buying the big Reeves peaches or the wheat like that raised on the Bohemia Manor farms which were in charge of Father Hayes and later Father Hackmeyer.

Mr. Jolls served in many positions including postmaster and Levy Court Commissioner.

I see Josie Jolls, his eldest son, still in town, and he goes every day to Wilmington where he is Deputy Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans' Court.

In those days the Catholics attended service once a month in a room in the Opera House which burned down this winter. Then Rev. Father Gaffney, S. J., good, dear old soul, was presented with the building lots where stands St. Joseph's Church and rectory. The late E. R. Cochran was the donor and the late Governor Biggs made the first donation of \$100 to the building fund.

"Say," said a friend, "do you remember the fire in the Naudain block? Well it was the first to be responded to by the Volunteer Fire Company. Among those in town then were the Morreau Bros., who ran the Transcript in those days. The ever particular editor waited after the alarm to put on his collar and cuffs. The first line of hose did not appear to subdue the blaze and another line of hose was attached but it had no nozzle.

"It's too bad, too bad to waste the water that way," echoed the New Era representative, Caleb J. Freeman. He picked up the end of the hose to play on the fire but he played the stream on two young fellows, just like a volunteer would do. Well one of those young fellows said things in Anglo-Saxon that would not look well in print. Mr. Morreau made notes on his white cuffs and sure as day preferred charges against the young fellow for "cussing" at a fire. A Presbyterian minister defended the young man and he claimed such extenuating circumstances would make any one "cuss."

The confectionery store of Mrs. Rosa Weber brought recollections of the ever jovial E. B. Rice, ice cream manufacturer.

Well, well, here is the square with the Middletown Hotel and memories of "Curt" Lippincott, George Ortlip and John Armstrong. In the brick block where John A. Reynolds held forth in its entirety Middletown's Wanamakers J. B. Messick and W. T. Connell are monarchs of all they survey.

In going south on Broad street by the bank of the Delaware Trust Co. one surely misses John S. Crouch who died suddenly during the past winter. Memories of George L. Townsend, the banker, were revived here. Across from the bank is the site of Cox's place built after the fire of 1852 and it is now the Burris garage. One who fails to stop and see Deputy Sheriff Harry Burris misses a treat for "Curly" has a stock of stories from running a two cent club to the days he spent as Uncle Sam's soldier.

Surely one could not help but think of Charles Beaton at one time Photostory of New Castle county. "Tom" Cochran used to tell this big, good natured fellow he never saw a snail except the one he met for he never overtook one. As so many houses here were new it felt good to look towards historic St. Anne's Church. That brought up memories of Bishop McCabe, Father Brown, Bishop Leighton Coleman, venerable old man Beers, H. M. Willits, Nathaniel Williams, Henry A. Nowland and a host of others.

Down on Main street again the Pennington machine shop loomed up which went in the great fire and now one reads J. F. McWhorter & Son, Frank McWhorter and "Ned" Jones, the barber, are about the only business men who were here thirty-five years ago. Ned still can give you a good shave although he has grown much stouter and has less hair on his head as a "hair producer."

"Pap" Kates and his splendid ice cream are seldom mentioned. The Naudain corner has been very much improved but the Charlie Taitman corner is like the bowling house hash—the same yesterday, today and evermore, Amen.

Among all the noted men it would have been a pleasure to greet were Jake Foster who died a few days ago at the ripe old age of 87 and everybody's friend, George Ingram. While taking in the sights there was seen coming away up yonder something going like sixty, away to and fro, every once in a while swinging out a danger signal but later recognized as our own friend Colonel Jce Hansen. Like Leader Price of the Middletown band the colonel is growing younger, but he cannot grow more jovial. Daniel W. Stevens is now chief magistrate where Alfred Cox disposed law and justice.

One had to think of Dr. Chamberlain at the drug store, as well as Frank West; Joseph W. Geary who kept cigars W. W. Wilson who always had all the leading papers including the Daily Republican. I ray tell one who could leave Middletown without remembering Miss Amelia Streets, the dressmaker. While thinking of "Tom" Murray I strolled up Cass street by the homes of the late Henry Clayton, Sewell Holten and Pierce Biggs.

Did you ever hear the story about the first day Pierce Biggs was in the Court of General Sessions as Clerk of the Peace? Well naturally the new man was timid and so his friend, the late Walter H. Hayes, agreed to prompt him. The grand jury was called and sworn according to law and later a jury was empaneled. Two witnesses had been examined and the next witness was a Hebrew. "Open the book at the mark," prompted the lawyer.

Mr. Biggs did so and then following his prompter he told the witness to place his right hand on the book and put on his hat and then he administered the oath as follows:

"— you do solemnly swear upon the Five Books of Moses that the evidence you shall give in the case now pending before the court and jury shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you, Moses."

Well, as the clerk of the peace sat down the judges, jury, lawyers and spectators joined in a laugh and what Pierce Biggs said to Walter Hayes was their business. Order was restored and the witness was re-sworn and the trial proceeded.

As I had to rush for a train, time did not permit of a call on Uncle Sewell Jones.

Just for a minute a call was made in the Transcript office and not to be alone on the way to Dover a copy of the first volume of the Transcript, published fifty years ago was borrowed and perhaps it will furnish some reminiscences of former days.

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## STATE AND PENINSULA

The annual agricultural fair at Salisbury has been fixed for August 26 to 29.

Congressman Caleb R. Layton has been placed on the Rivers and Harbors committee.

The Board of Education of Cecil County is preparing to actively enforce the school attendance law.

Several carloads of horses have arrived at the Havre de Grace race track, preparatory to the spring meeting.

At a directors meeting of the co-operative creamery in Frederica a dividend of eight per cent. was declared.

The State Income Taxpayers' Defense League is planning to hold a mass meeting in protest against the State income tax law.

Twenty thousands cabbage plants have been planted in the war garden along the duPont boulevard, near Georgetown.

The burning of a \$2500 mortgage at Epworth Methodist Church, Wilmington, removed a burden of debt of 23 years' standing.

Lewes milk dealers have lowered the price of milk from 12 cents per quart to 10 cents due to the price of food having been reduced.

On a charge of sending improper letters through the mail, A. Y. Neely, a Clayton negro, has been held under \$1,000 bail for Court.

Fishermen of Betterton made a record catch of rock fish, this week, in the bay. Several boatowners have received from \$100 to \$475 for a day's catch.

Bishop William F. McDowell will preside over the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which meets in Chestertown, Md., the week of March 26.

The Senior Class of the Bridgeville High School gave a chicken salad supper from which they cleared \$50, to be used to defray the expenses of the graduating class.

Cecil county authorities are receiving reports of automobile hold-ups in the rural sections of the county and the occupants of the machines robbed by a band of highwaymen.

In the future strict account will be kept of telephone calls from the Court House at Georgetown in an effort to eliminate heavy bills alleged to have been caused by outsiders.

Tons of fish are being killed in the bay by the explosion of shells from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Fishermen at Tolchester say there were 1,000 tons of nice rock floating in the water several mornings this week. Some of the fish were stunned while others were split open.

For the first time in 40 years Wilmington will have no G. A. R. parade on Memorial day. This decision was reached at a meeting of the local branch of the Grand Army, owing to the depleted ranks and the feebleness of the members. They will visit the cemeteries as usual, however.

### Two Men Injured

An automobile containing five men employed at Rockwell Park turned over on the road leading from Middletown to Odessa Monday morning. Two of the occupants received painful injuries—one had a broken arm and the other a broken collarbone, while the other three were more or less bruised and badly shaken up. A large dog running between the wheels of the automobile was the cause of the accident.

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But to ourselves the most pleasing feature of this highly successful Spring Millinery and Dress Opening has been to observe the UNIVERSAL GRATIFICATION which our MODERATE PRICES gave our customers and to hear their many expressions of pleased wonderment at those remarkably low prices—"How is it possible you can sell such beautiful Hats for such low prices?" This is a sample of the general remarks of our delighted customers.

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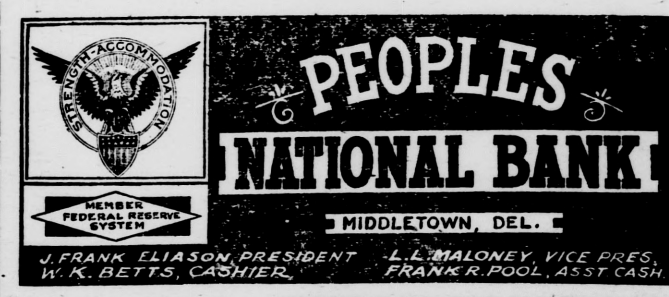
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